

Cemaes Rural District Council

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ANNUAL  
REPORT

OF THE

DISTRICT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1962

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# C E M A E S   R U R A L   D I S T R I C T

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1962

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Lewis and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1962.

The health generally throughout the district has been good. Little anxiety has been caused by infectious diseases during recent years although two new cases of tuberculosis were notified during 1962, but during the outbreak of smallpox which occurred in the spring one contact had to be kept under surveillance but this outbreak of smallpox made one realise how important it is that all infants are vaccinated so that some definite immunity exists in the country as a whole.

### Housing

Apart from the Newport area the housing situation in the area is reasonably satisfactory, the Council having built houses in all the larger villages, and a number of cottages have been modernised by means of Improvement Grants. However, there is no doubt that there is still a demand for Old Folks Bungalows. Unfortunately, elderly folk rarely put their names on a housing list until suitable property has become available.

Again I should like to emphasize how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living. Much work has been done to implement the recommendations made under the Food and Hygiene regulations and conditions have improved.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

*P. M. Bowen*

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# V I T A L   S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1962...

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	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1962</u>	<u>Cemaes R.D.</u> <u>1961</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>&amp; Wales</u>
Live Births	137	124		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.83	14.3	17.42	18.0
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	10.21	4.84		
Still Births	nil	2		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	15.9	24.08	18.1
Total Live and Still Births	137	126		
Infant Deaths(Deaths under 1 year)	4	2		
Infant Mortality Rate(per 1,000 Live Births) - total	29.19	16.1	31.46	21.4
- legitimate	24.39	16.9		
- illegitimate	71.42	nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	7.29	16.1	20.9	15.1
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	7.29	20.8	19.12	
Perinatal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1 week and Still Births Combined)(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	7.29	40.8	42.74	



The infant mortality rate shows a slight increase this year but remains lower than that for the County. There were 4 deaths of infants under 1 year of age; 3 from congenital malformations at 2 days, 9 months, and 2 months, and the fourth from pneumonia at 9 weeks.

	<u>Gemags R.D.</u> <u>1962</u>	<u>Gemags R.D.</u> <u>1961</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>&amp; Wales</u>
Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	nil	0.35
Deaths	133	136		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.37	15.5	12.85	11.9

The general death rate remains higher than the rate for the County and for the country as a whole, showing a slight increase again this year. Out of the total of 133 deaths, 43 were due to heart disease. Approximately 30% of the total number of deaths were of persons aged 70 years or over, and of these, 44.94% were of persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	74	59
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	5	1
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus,	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia,	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	11
Coronary disease, angina,	23	7
Hypertension with heart disease	1	4
Other heart disease	3	5
Other circulatory disease	1	4
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	4	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	6
All other accidents	1	5





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## NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1	Measles
4	Scarlet Fever
1	Tuberculosis (other forms)

## TUBERCULOSIS

1 death from respiratory tuberculosis occurred this year in a man aged 80 years. 1 new case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year and 1 was transferred from another area. There was also 1 case of tuberculosis affecting other organs (glands of neck).

## PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers (i.e. pupils aged thirteen years and over) continues to be carried out in the district. During 1962, 3 contacts and 57 school leavers were vaccinated. The Chest Physician, Dr. Llewelyn Davies, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

## MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Crymmych during May this year and carried out a survey amongst the general population. The results are as follows:-

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total No. examined	197	88	109
No. found to be abnormal	20 (10.15%)	8	12
No. requiring further observation	1 (.51%)	1	-
Other abnormalities of the chest	19 (9.64%)	7	12

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

## LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Vaccination Records were received during the year of 1,355 primary vaccinations and 1,259 re-vaccinations.



### Immunisation

Records were received of 101 complete immunisations against diphtheria and also of 8 re-inforcing injections. Records were also received of 103 immunisations against whooping cough.

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are carried out at the clinics and by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer each quarter of the record cards.

### VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

During 1962, the County Health Authority changed over from using the Salk vaccine to the Sabin vaccine, which is given orally. This method has been found to be effective and is much appreciated by patients and their parents.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.



1962.

WATER SUPPLIES.

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>Number of properties connected.</u>
Bayvil.	10.
Bridell.	29.
Capel Colman.	29.
Castellan.	40.
Cilgerran.	215.
Cilrchyn West.	--.
Clydey.	16.
Dinas Cross.	209.
Eglwysrw.	52.
Llanfyrnach.	222.
Llanfihangel Penbedw.	38.
Llantood.	14.
Llanychlwydog.	5.
Llanfair Nantgwyn.	25.
Manordcifi.	78.
Melinc.	18.
Monington.	--.
Moylegrove.	39.
Nevern.	56.
Newport.	470.
Penrith.	13.
St. Dogmaels.	345.
Whitechurch.	13.

WATER SUPPLIES sent for Examination:-

PUBLIC SUPPLY.

Number taken.	4.
Satisfactory.	4.

PRIVATE SUPPLY.

Number taken.	8.
Satisfactory.	8.

UNFIT FOOD.

During the year it was found necessary to condemn the following foodstuffs:-

46 lbs.	tinned meat.
83 lbs.	cheese.
27 lbs.	sausages.
31 lbs.	tinned foods (various).



1952.

HOUSING.

(a) COUNCIL HOUSES.

No houses were constructed during the year, 147 houses are owned by the Council.

(b) PRIVATE HOUSING.

15 bungalows and 1 house were completed and occupied during the year.

CARAVAN SITES.

Authorised sites.	9.
Permitted number under consent	448.
Sites operative without specific consent (existing use).	7.

SEWERAGE SCHEMES. - HERMON AND GLOGUE.

Work on the above sewerage schemes was completed this year.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Most of the area is collected weekly, some parts every 14 days, by means of a Refuse lorry. Four tips are now in use, at Hermon, Newport, St.Dogmaels and Gilgerran.

RODENT CONTROL.

One man is employed as necessary to carry out this work, the tips are inspected and treated regularly.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

During the year the Council approved:-

34 Discretionary, and  
29 Standard Grants.





INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 14.

No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1952 included in previous column. 14.

No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 2.

No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column). 2.

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers. Nil.

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10, & 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil.

No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners). Nil.

Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil.

No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners). Nil.

Housing Act, 1936. Section 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. Nil.

No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders. Nil.

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. Nil.



HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year.	1.
No. of families dwelling therein.	1.
No. of persons dwelling therein.	8.
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.	1.
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	Nil.
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	Nil.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961. PART 1.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers</u> <u>Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2, 3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-

TOTAL

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